

Media Advisory



U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Joint Forces Command host war game to explore future of Joint Urban Operations

QUANTICO, VA—The United States Marine Corps and United States Joint Forces Command will host *Joint Urban Warrior (JUW 05)*, a seminar style war game, May 22-26 at the William F. Bolger Leadership Facility in Potomac, MD. The war game is the culmination of a ten-month pathway consisting of conferences, workshops, seminars, and planning events.

Solidly grounded in the realities of past and ongoing urban operations, *JUW* is focused on: the integration of the full spectrum of advanced operational concepts and approaches, organizational innovations, technologies and other transformation opportunities to enhance effectiveness in complex urban operations; the critical importance of political end-state planning in shaping the complex urban campaign; and the central role of stability and support operations. Moreover, *JUW* is framed in terms of the Three Block War; i.e., the close if not simultaneous conduct of combat, stability and support, and humanitarian operations, which, by necessity, involve Service, Joint, Combined and Interagency participation.

More than 250 participants are expected to attend this year's event, including representatives from all the Services, at least eight multinational partners, NATO, and the intelligence and interagency communities. *JUW05* will begin with a panel discussion of recent urban operations with an emphasis on Iraq. Participants will then develop a robust Red-Teamed Course of Action (COA) for the conduct of complex Three Block War operations from the twin perspectives of 2007 and 2015 capabilities. Within this context, *JUW 05* will then address a broad range of Focus Areas emphasizing key dimensions of complex urban operations; e.g. Stability and Support Operations, medical support in urban operations, the appropriate level of Interagency integration, force protection, and the employment of non-lethal weapons (NLW) to note several.

Media are invited to attend *JUW 05* on May 25, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm. They will have the opportunity to observe the war game in progress, ask questions of Cell Leaders, as well as of representatives of the U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Joint Forces Command, and conduct interviews afterwards. Additionally, there will be displays of some of the latest

capabilities being developed specifically to address the challenges of complex urban operations.

Media interested in attending this event should contact the Marine Corps Combat Development Command (MCCDC) Public Affairs Office, which can provide a detailed schedule.

For more information and directions to the William F. Bolger Leadership Facility contact the LtCol Rick Long, richard.long@usmc.mil, or 2ndLt Brian Donnelly, MCCDC Public Affairs Office, at (703) 784-2741, or Mr. Vince Nunez, vince.nunez@je.jfcom.mil, (757) 203-3447, at the JFCOM Public Affairs Office.